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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	§	
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AO MANUFACTURING, LLC,	§	Case No. 16-31840
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Debtor.	§	Chapter 11
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**ORDER REQUIRING MATTHEW L. PEPPER TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY
HE SHOULD NOT BE SANCTIONED FOR SIGNING AND FILING THE DEBTOR'S
CHAPTER 11 PETITION WHEN HE IS NOT ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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On April 7, 2016, Matthew L. Pepper (“Pepper”), purporting to represent the above-referenced corporate debtor, signed and filed a Chapter 11 petition initiating this case. On May 4, 2016, this Court dismissed this case with prejudice to refiling for 180 days, and it did so for, among other reasons, Pepper’s failure to properly prosecute the case and counsel his client to comply with the fundamental requirements of the Bankruptcy Code—such as filing schedules and the statement of financial affairs. Although the Court has dismissed this case, it retains jurisdiction over the issue as to what action, if any, should be taken against Pepper for signing and filing the petition initiating this case without being admitted to practice in the Southern District of Texas and without having requested permission to practice *Pro Hac Vice*. The Court issues this ruling with the knowledge that Pepper has previously been disciplined by the Supreme Court of Louisiana and the Supreme Court of Mississippi. It is therefore:

ORDERED that Pepper shall personally appear in this Court and show cause why he should not be sanctioned for signing and filing the petition initiating this case without being admitted to practice law in the Southern District of Texas; and it is further

ORDERED that the show cause hearing will be held on June 10, 2016, at 10:00 A.M., in Courtroom 600, 6th Floor, Bob Casey Federal Courthouse, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas; and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Trustee shall appear at this hearing and be allowed to participate; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall send a copy of this Order to Pepper via email at pepperlaw@msn.com; and it is further

ORDERED the Clerk of Court shall also send a copy of this Order to Pepper by regular first-class mail at the following address: 25211 Grogans Mill Rd., Suite 450, The Woodlands, TX 77380.

Signed on this 5th day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bohm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Bohm
United States Bankruptcy Judge

United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas

In re:
AO Manufacturing, LLC
Debtor

Case No. 16-31840-jb
Chapter 11

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on May 07, 2016.

db +AO Manufacturing, LLC, 2994 A Old Hwy 105, Conroe, TX 77301-6452

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NONE. TOTAL: 0

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NONE. TOTAL: 0

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: May 07, 2016

Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on May 5, 2016 at the address(es) listed below:

Christine A March on behalf of U.S. Trustee US Trustee christine.a.march@usdoj.gov
Matthew Louis Pepper on behalf of Debtor AO Manufacturing, LLC pepperlaw@msn.com
US Trustee USTPRegion07.HU.ECF@USDOJ.GOV

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